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"Let your light shine." Matthew 5:16

Dear Mothers, Fathers and Carers,

The children have all returned refreshed and ready to learn after their Easter holiday. They are already embracing the challenges of their new term's learning and behaviour across school is brilliant. Class 3, independently hosted a Rocks and Fossils Museum last week to show off their Science learning from before the holidays which was a great success and school staff are very proud of their achievements. This term is set to be another busy period - Y6 are sitting their SAT's, Class 4 go on residential, Class 3 start swimming, celebrating the King's Coronation and even World Champion Beatboxers visiting school to teach the children to beatbox!

Hopefully, the sun will continue to shine for us as we enjoy our summer of learning. As always, we are here for you and your children so please never hesitate to contact us.

Warmest wishes,
Miss Birks

Key Dates this term:

17th April	INSET DAY 5
18th April	Children return to school
19th April	Class 3's Rocks & Fossil Museum (from 2:30pm)
20th April	Class 3's Swimming Lessons start
21st April	Parent's Newsletter out
24th April	After school clubs start
26th April	'Community Café' 2:30pm - all welcome
28th April	'Beatbox Collective' in school
1st May	Bank Holiday (May Day)
5th May	King's Coronation Afternoon Tea - families welcome from 2:15pm
8th May	Bank Holiday (King's Coronation)
w/c 8th May	KS2 SATs Week - Y6 pupils
w/c 15th May	KS1 SATs week 1 - Y2 pupils
17th - 19th May	Class 4's Residential
w/c 22nd May	KS1 SATs week 2 - Y2 pupils
24th May	'Community Café' 2:30pm - all welcome
26th May	Last day of term

School Terms and Holidays for Academic Year 2022-2023

Summer 1 Monday 17th April - Friday 26th May 2023 PLEASE NOTE - INSET DAY MONDAY 17TH APRIL, MAY BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY 1st MAY and KING'S CORONATION BANK HOLIDAY 8th MAY Spring Bank holidays - Monday 29th May - Friday 2nd June 2023
Summer 2 Monday 5th June - Friday 21st July 2023 Summer Holidays - Monday 24th July - Friday 1st September 2023

Beatbox Collective

At the Young Voices concert that our choir attended in February, World Champion beatboxers 'Beatbox Collective' performed their amazing talents. We have arranged for some of the group to attend our school on 28th April, to lead beatboxing workshops with Classes 2-4 throughout the day. It should be an exciting and memorable experience for our children!



Fundraising

Big thank you to all families who have supported our fundraising efforts recently for a variety of purposes. It will make such a difference to both charities and school:

- Class 3's Rock Museum - £158.85 towards a Class 3 trip in the summer term
- Red Nose Day - £114 for the charity
- Easter Raffle - £133.40 for school funds
- Class 2's Fruit Cocktails - £25.40
- Nurture Cake Sale - £80.40 going to Rotherham Hospice to support their work
- 'Express Yourself' Day - £51 Split between Rotherham Parent Carers Forum and Autism Awareness

Y6 SATs 9-12th May

We wish all of our amazing Y6's all the luck in the world for their SAT's tests next week! They have worked so hard with Miss Williams and Mr Robinson to remember all their KS2 learning and show off what they can achieve. They'll do brilliantly we're sure!

There may be some disruption for other children around school as we keep the Class 4 area as quiet as we can, but we will keep this to a minimum.

Keep them in your thoughts and prayers!

Y2 SATs 15-26th May

Our Y2's will be taking their KS1 SATs during this fortnight. Their tests will be spread out throughout the fortnight and will be kept as informal as possible. They will do themselves proud and we are all here to support them as much as we can! Further information will be sent to parents nearer the time.



King's Coronation Afternoon Tea

On Friday 5th May, we invite all parents and family members to come and join us on the Orchard Lawn for an afternoon tea from 2:30pm, to celebrate and mark the King's Coronation. There'll be hot and cold drinks, scones, cakes and families are welcome to bring their own snacks and treats too.

It should be a lovely way of coming together as a community to mark this momentous occasion!

How can you help at home?

1. Encourage your child to read EVERY night.
2. Help them complete homework every week.
3. Help them to learn Spellings and new vocab.
4. Help them to learn times tables and practise using TT Rock Stars.
5. Encourage children to show excellent behaviour.
6. Make sure children arrive at school on time.
7. Ensure they wear their uniform.
8. Make sure your child comes to school every day that they are well.
9. Avoid taking any holidays during term time: children miss so much learning!
10. Encourage your child to play after school: Have down time together and have fun!
11. Talk to your child about what they are learning at school and celebrate their successes!
12. Coming to school organized!



100 Year Laughton War Memorial Parade

On the 17th June, the War Memorial at Laughton All Saints' Church is 100 years old. They are planning a special celebration event, which will be a parade from the Village Hall to the Church with a brass band, British Legion groups, Veterans and other organisations.

All families are warmly welcomed to join in with the parade. After a service led by the Bishop of Sheffield and the Archbishop of York, the church will hold their annual garden party in Old Hall Farm. You are welcome to enjoy a drink and a scone after the service!

The children in school will all be creating poppies to contribute towards the event. Some school staff will be attending the parade too.

Looking forward to seeing you at this event!



Read, Read and Read again!

We have just purchased over 600 brand new books for our Y2-Y6 children to inspire their reading and give them more books to choose from - more info to follow very soon!

Please, please, please ensure you are reading as much as you can with your children, or encouraging them to read as often as possible. It is so important that they re-read books as well. We ask that they try to read at least 5 times per week at home with as many of these as possible to an adult.

Please ensure you are proactive in filling out your child's reading diary whenever they read to recognise and celebrate their efforts! The more reads they do, the more certificates they'll earn!



Learning this term!

As a brief outline, these are some of the areas of learning that your children will be developing this half term:

Class 1 - In Class 1, we will be learning all about Dinosaurs this term, where they will be naming and describing lots of different types of dinosaurs which will all be linked to our class book of "Harry and the Bucket Full of Dinosaurs." In Science, we will be learning all about plants and the main parts of a plant. We will spend time planting and growing sunflowers which we will watch grow over the term. I wonder how tall they will grow? In PE, we will be continuing our work on balance by travelling across the apparatus. We will be getting creative in both computing and in art, where we will be learning to draw pictures on the computers and to build collages in art. In RE, we will learn all about the Creation Story.

Class 2 - This term we have started the new book "The Last Wolf" which is an amazing retelling of traditional tale but with a twist! I wonder what fantastic ideas the children will think of? The children will be taking a journey back in time to explore the significant work of Isambard Kingdom Brunel. We will look at how this man changed many parts of England forever during the Industrial Revolution. We are creating a spark in Science, by exploring electricity: we will be looking at circuits and electrical safety. In PE, we are taking part in team games and ball skills. Music is all about music that makes you dance and computing is beginning our new Purple Mash work looking at spreadsheets and pictograms. Finally, we will be exploring Christianity and the good news that Jesus can bring in our RE topic.

Class 3 - In English, our new class text is the beautiful picture book "Where the Forest Meets the Sea" by Jeannie Baker. This story is told through the eyes of a young boy who walks with his father through the forest and questions what they see. We will be writing non-chronological reports based on the story. In Maths, we will be continuing our work on 'Measure' and extending our knowledge of decimals. In Science, we are exploring the question of "what do our bodies do with the food we eat?" where we will explore the digestive system and our teeth. In Geography, we are exploring the earth's natural resources and sustainability. In computing, we are using our new computing programme called Purple Mash and we will be learning all about digital animation. In PE, we are joined by Rotherham United to teach football. We are also starting our swimming sessions where we will learn different swimming techniques and important life saving skills.

Class 4 - This term in English, we are reading our new book called "Star of Fear, Star of Hope" by Jo Hoestlandt which is a heart-warming yet truthful tale of war. As part of this writing unit, we will be learning to write stories with a flashback. In Maths, we will be learning about angles, shapes and units of measure. In Art, we will be becoming sculptors as we study the artist Fernand Leger and recreate his style of work using clay and bold, primary colours to decorate. The Suffragette Movement will motivate and empower the children during their history lessons this term, helping them to understand why everyone deserves the vote and how powerful our voice can be. In PE, children are learning tennis skills and have a special visitor every Monday from Rotherham United Community Team who will deliver the Joy of Movement programme. In RE, we are studying the followers of Jesus to understand why following Jesus can bring freedom and justice. This term is set to be a very busy term in Class 4 with the SATS, class residential to Whitby and much more.

Message from Heads of House:

The Heads of House have recently attended a meeting with our local MP: Mr Alexander Stafford. We noticed and then discussed that some parents have been parking in inappropriate places such as the yellow lines, blind bend etc. We are really cautious about safety and the road safety of others so please be aware of this message and consider your parking choices. Thank you.

After speaking with Alexander Stafford (our local MP) the Heads of House and School Council have come up with the idea of organising a "Walking Bus". This is to help reduce traffic and to allow children to get to school safely. We would need additional adult support to run this, if you think you can help in any way, please let us know!

Thank you from the Heads of House and School Council